

THE TIGER TIMES

October edition

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Upcoming Events

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- * Lyman Orchards fundraiser due October 17th
- * Sweet Frog fundraiser October 8th 6-9pm
- * Harvest Family Night October 24th
- * Early Release 1:17pm October 22nd

Principal's News



Hello VES families,

The new school year is off and running. It was very exciting to see such a wonderful turn out for Open House and the Family BBQ. It was my great pleasure to meet and talk to such wonderful families. It was also great to see the UConn Athletes engage our scholars.

The PTA has been off to a successful start with increased attendance, selling Save Around coupon books and Dave & Busters cards, coordinating a Lyman Orchards Fundraisers, a Sweet Frog Fundraiser and a Harvest Family Night. We have a truly amazing group of parents that are committed to providing exciting activities for our families.

The FRC is in full swing. VES Family Resource Center is located across from the Library/Media Center. Contact Ms. Hyman to get the dates for the upcoming play dates and "1,2,3 Magic" workshop for parents.

It is very important to help your student get to school on time. It is equally important to reduce the early pick ups from school. Attendance is a key component to a scholars' education. We will call home when scholars are absent. So it is very important for parents to call when their scholar will not be in school. Please call 860-647-3383 before 9:05 a.m.

Finally, our scholars are being introduced to "Essential Rules." I have introduced three rules so far this year. Please feel free to use them at home because they are important everywhere. The first three rules are make eye contact, respond to adults by saying yes ma'am or no ma'am; yes sir or no sir and say "thank you" when given something.

Mr. Nicolas Jones Jr- Principal

THE ESSENTIAL 55 RULES

We will be introducing the Ron Clark's 55 Essential Rules during Monday Morning Circle. These are the rules we will use in the classroom and throughout the school. We are a family and we will treat each other with respect and kindness. These rules are important part of our lives everyday. If our scholars apply them everywhere then we will change not only our community but the world. We have introduced three rules so far this year. Rule 1: Make eye contact. When someone is speaking keep your eyes on that person at all times. Rule 2: How to respond to an adult. Say yes ma'am or no sir. Just nodding your head or saying another form of yes or no is not acceptable. Rule 3: Always say "thank you" when given something.

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CONTACTING YOUR SCHOLARS' TEACHER



Keeping our communication lines open is one of our top priorities. Your scholars' teacher would like to hear from you whenever you have questions or concerns. The best time to contact your scholars' teacher is before school or after school. If you would like to leave a message for the teacher to call you, please call the main office at (860) 647-3383 and we will either transfer the call to their phone or place the message in their mailbox.

Visitors

Please be sure to stop by the office when you come to visit. We ask that all visitors sign in the office and wear a visitors badge while in the building. This identifies all visitors to students and staff. Thanks!

Support

VES scholars are already in full swing with their daily schedules, routines, and lessons. Thank you for supporting them every morning, evening and through the weekend by helping with homework, calming back-to-school nerves, and making time for family fun.

The food that your students eat makes a huge impact on their success at school. Breakfast IS the most important meal of the day/ Please make sure your students are getting breakfast either at home or at school.

Please let Ms. Hyman know if your student is in need of school supplies or clothing. She can be reached at 860-647-0031 or Rachelc@manchesterct.gov



Family BBQ

*"You are entering the doors
of successful scholars."*

Welcome to VES

Mrs. McFarlane-Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Kubinski- ELL Teacher

Mr. Nunes-2nd grade Teacher

Mrs. Johnson- 3rd grade Teacher

Mrs. Rosemond- 3rd gr Teacher

Ms. Deacon- 4th grade Teacher

Ms. Wilson-4th grade Teacher

Mrs. Nightingale-Math Interventionist

Ms. Hyman- FRC



*5th grade project at the
Discovery Camp. The lesson
was about environmental
Racism.*

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



Justice Sonia Sotomayor, First
Supreme court Judge of Hispanic
Heritage



Roberto Clemente
Professional Baseball player



Franklin Chang Diaz
Astronaut



Zoe Saldana
Actress

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Keep Your Child from Getting and Spreading ENTEROVIRUS D68

Avoid close contact with sick people

**Cover your coughs
& sneezes**

**Wash your hands often
with soap & water**

Clean & disinfect surfaces

**Avoid touching your face
with unwashed hands**

Stay home when you're sick



www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/EV68/

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Letters refer to our special schedule.		1 C PTA Meeting 6p-7pm	2 A 2nd Cup of Coffee 9:15a- 10:15am	3 B	4
5	6 C Fire Prevention Assembly K-3	7 A MBGC 3:30	8 B Sweet Frog Fundraiser 6-9pm	9 C Play groups 10-11	10 A Play groups 10-11	11
12	13 B Columbus Day (No School)	14 C SGC Meeting 5:30p-6:30p MBGC 3:30	15 A Picture Day (kg, 1st, 2nd) PYD 4th and 5th	16 B Picture Day(3rd, 4th,5th) Play groups 10-11 PYD 4th and 5th	17 C Lyman Orchards Fundraiser Due Play groups 10-11	18
19	20 A 3rd gr Lunch Bunch	21 B MBGC 3:30	22 C Early Release 1:17pm	23 A Play groups 10-11 PYD 4th and 5th	24 B Harvest Family Night and Trunk a Treat 6p- 8p Play groups 10-11	25
26	27 C	28 A MBGC 3:30	29 B PYD 4th and 5th	30 C Play groups 10-11 PYD 4th and 5th	31 A Halloween Play groups 10-11	

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BE EXTRAORDINARY

We're on the Web!

<http://publicschools.manchesterct.gov>

HOMework HELP

1. Let your child know that homework is important.
2. Set a regular time for homework, allowing for time to unwind.
3. Help your child organize by checking folders, papers and planner.
4. Spot check homework when complete.
5. If a homework problem arises, contact the teacher for clarification.

Family Resource Center Events

- Boys and Girls Club beginning October 7th lasting eight weeks, every Tuesday after school.
- Playgroups beginning October 9, two groups per week Thursday and Friday from 10a.m.—11 a.m.
- Lunch Bunch with 3rd grade scholars and their parents beginning October 20th; during 3rd grade lunch period.
- Positive Youth Development with 4th and 5th scholars beginning October 15th at 3:30 p.m.

Title IX Notice

Title IX is a federal law which states: "No person in the United States shall on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal assistance."

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